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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DDA *Eu*

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Executive Officer, OS

SUBJECT: Comments on Draft DCI Speech to American  
Society of Newspaper Editors

The Office of Security has reviewed the referenced draft and offers the following comments:

- ° Regarding page 2, last sentence in first paragraph, "That our actions are reviewed and approved by the public's representatives gives them a legitimacy they would not otherwise have in our open society": It is recommended that the word "legitimacy" be replaced with, "proper focus and level of acceptance." Use of the word legitimacy has negative connotations in that it could be construed that our activities are intrinsically illegitimate.
- ° Regarding page 6, third paragraph, "...---even if it makes us look stupid or dastardly": It is recommended that this phrase be deleted or at least toned down as, even as a denial, it is believed inappropriate to juxtapose CIA with adjectives such as "stupid or dastardly."
- ° Regarding page 8, first paragraph, "Our primary credibility comes from the dedication and integrity of the people and the process by which they are produced." It is recommended that this sentence be replaced with the following: Our primary credibility comes from the accuracy and reliability of our past assessments and from the continued dedication and integrity of the people and the process by which they are produced.

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